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For: **QUIESCENT DEVELOPMENT OF LITHOGRAPHIC PLATES**

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**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL BECAUSE OF APPLICANT'S AGE
(37 CFR 1.102(c) AND MPEP 708/02 IV)**

Applicants hereby petition to make this application special because co-inventor Howard A. Fromson is over 65 years of age.

As a showing of this fact, accompanying this petition is a declaration by inventor Fromson that he is over 65 years of age.

No fee is required with this petition in accordance with 37 CFR 1.102(c).



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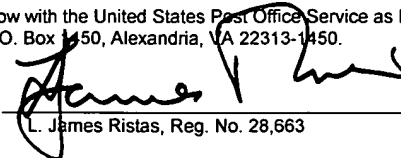
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Sir:

DECLARATION

I, Howard A. FROMSON, hereby declare that I am one of the inventors in the above-identified patent application and that I am over 65 years of age.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein are true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Date: 4/15/04

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